

EXHIBIT A: EMBOSSED PAPER PRODUCT (PRIOR ART)

The following is a cross sectional view taken at a 10X magnification of a samples of a paper product having **densified, adhesively-bonded embossed sites** similar to the paper that is taught by the prior art (rubber-to-steel embossing):



The following is a 20X magnification of a close up of an embossment of the prior art. Further, note that an embossment (called out by the dotted arrow) has been densified into the plane of the structure, and has a density that is higher than the density of the adjacent non-embossed areas (called out by the solid arrows). Further, the embossments also shows localized permanent deformation at the corners, which clearly is not present in a non-embossed area (called out by the solid arrows):

